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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Approve Certain Retirement Applications

Sir:

1. In a memorandum dated 12 February 1973, the former BCI delegated to the Deputy Director for Support "the authority to approve applications for voluntary retirement under the CIA Retirement and Disability System". In actual point of fact the program has since been administered under an interpretation that this 1973 delegation of authority covered both the voluntary retirement specified by section 233 of the CIA Retirement Act and the mandatory retirement prescribed by subsection 235(a), in those instances where the employee wants to retire and management is willing that he do so.

2. The Office of General Counsel has indicated that the letter of February 1973 could be interpreted to apply	
only to applications pursuant to section 233, and not cover	
retirements under subsection 235(a). The legal opinion was rendered that it would be desirable to clarify this situation	ILLEGIB
by having the Director issue, a new delegation covering both	

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